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Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling the aims and purposes of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, as enshrined in the Bangkok Declaration of 8 August 1967,[1] in particular the maintenance of close and beneficial cooperation with existing international and regional organizations with similar aims and purposes,

Noting the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which came into force on 15 December 2008,[2] particularly on upholding the Charter of the United Nations and international law,

Noting with satisfaction that the activities of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations are consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Recalling all previous resolutions on cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations,[3]

Also recalling the fiftieth anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in 2017, under the chairmanship of the Philippines, and its resolution 71/317 of 19 July 2017 on the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,[4]

* On behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1331, No. 22341.

[2] Ibid., vol. 2624, No. 46745.

[3] Resolutions 57/35, 59/5, 61/46, 63/35, 65/235, 67/110, 69/110 and 71/255.

[4] See A/73/328-S/2018/592, sect. II.

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Welcoming the participation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in the high-level meetings between the United Nations and regional organizations, as well as the collaboration between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to promote dialogue and cooperation among regional organizations in Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling the First to Ninth Summits of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations and the commitment of the leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations to further deepen the comprehensive partnership between the two organizations,

Welcoming the adoption of the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations 2025: Forging Ahead Together and its three Community Blueprints, namely the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Political-Security Community Blueprint 2025, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Economic Community Blueprint 2025 and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Socio-Cultural Community Blueprint 2025, at the twenty-seventh Association of Southeast Asian Nations Summit, held in Kuala Lumpur in November 2015,

Welcoming also the adoption of the Vientiane Declaration on the Adoption of the Initiative for Association of Southeast Asian Nations Integration Work Plan III and the Vientiane Declaration on the Adoption of the Master Plan on Association of Southeast Asian Nations Connectivity 2025 at the twenty-eighth Association of Southeast Asian Nations Summit, held in Vientiane in September 2016,

Recognizing the efforts of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to strengthen its institutions, and in this regard welcoming the establishment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community on 31 December 2015,

Welcoming the adoption, in 2017, of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Declaration on Culture of Prevention for a Peaceful, Inclusive, Resilient, Healthy and Harmonious Society, which complements the culture of peace agenda of the United Nations,

1. *Welcomes* the progress in the implementation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Community Vision 2025, which will ensure lasting peace and stability, sustained economic growth, shared prosperity and social progress in the region;

2. *Reaffirms* the commitment of the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to develop the partnership between the two organizations, as described in the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 27 September 2007;

3. *Recognizes* the efforts of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations to further intensify and strengthen the level of and framework for cooperation between the two organizations through the implementation of the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Partnership between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations, issued on 19 November 2011 at the Fourth Summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations, held in Bali, and welcomes the adoption and progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Partnership between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations (2016–2020);

4. *Encourages* the United Nations, including the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and other relevant United Nations agencies, to continue to work closely with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development[5] and the Association of

[5] Resolution 70/1.

Southeast Asian Nations Community Vision 2025, to promote complementarities between the two to ensure that regional integration efforts in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations reinforce the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals and vice versa, through developing a regional road map, as well as other concrete activities and projects under the Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Partnership;

5. *Recognizes* the efforts to establish the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Centre for Sustainable Development Studies and Dialogue in Thailand in 2019 in order to enhance cooperation on sustainable development between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and external partners, including the United Nations and related agencies;

6. *Commends* the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations for their efforts to hold annual meetings during the regular sessions of the General Assembly, with a view to further enhancing the Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations partnership, including by reviewing, overseeing and directing the implementation of the present resolution;

7. *Encourages* the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to continue regular meetings of senior officials, ministerial meetings and summits, and in this regard welcomes the convening of the Ninth Summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations in Manila on 13 November 2017;

8. *Welcomes* the successful convening of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations leaders' gathering with the Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund and the President of the World Bank in Bali, Indonesia, on 11 October 2018, which reaffirmed the importance of the role of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in promoting multilateralism, further enhancing existing cooperation and forging close cooperation with the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the United Nations to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in improving the lives of its peoples;

9. *Encourages* the United Nations to provide strengthened support, including through exchanges of relevant experiences, information, best practices, lessons learned and capacity-building, based on mutual respect, for the relevant Association of Southeast Asian Nations mechanisms and Association of Southeast Asian Nations-led arrangements;

10. *Reaffirms* the importance of enhancing regional security and cooperation and the peaceful settlement of disputes to promote peace, stability and prosperity, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Charter of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia and international law;

11. *Supports* the convening of workshops and seminars between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations to promote dialogue on regional and global security issues, including conflict prevention, preventive diplomacy, disarmament and non-proliferation, cybersecurity, peacekeeping operations, transnational crime, counter-terrorism and the prevention of violent extremism as and when conducive to terrorism, based on mutual trust, shared interests and mutual respect;

12. *Encourages* cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to exchange expertise, best practices, lessons learned and experiences in countering terrorism and radicalization to terrorism and preventing

violent extremism as and when conducive to terrorism, as well as in addressing transnational crime and cross-border challenges, including through effective regional cooperation, in order to foster a more secure, interconnected and prosperous Association of Southeast Asian Nations community;

13. *Also encourages* cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in the field of human rights, particularly through the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children, based on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Human Rights Declaration, the Phnom Penh Statement on the Adoption of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Human Rights Declaration, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [6] and other international human rights instruments and mechanisms to which all of the States members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations are parties;

14. *Acknowledges* the importance of maritime cooperation, including maritime security cooperation, between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, including in the form of training workshops and the exchange of relevant experiences, information, best practices and lessons learned, to further promote the rule of law and the implementation of relevant international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, [7] and other international instruments, and underscores the need to further strengthen such cooperation in order to address related issues and challenges;

15. *Reiterates* the importance of regional integration and enhancement of connectivity in the South-East Asian region and their potential contribution to regional and global peace, prosperity and sustainable development, and in this regard encourages cooperation between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations to narrow the development gap within and between the States members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations;

16. *Encourages* continued efforts and enhanced cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations towards deepening economic integration both within the region and in the global economy so as to promote mutual benefits through capacity-building and advisory services in the implementation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Economic Community Blueprint 2025 in areas such as trade, investment, the development of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, regulatory frameworks, global supply chains and resource management;

17. *Welcomes* the establishment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Smart Cities Network as part of the integration efforts of the Association that will synergise development efforts, promote greater cooperation among member cities, the private sector and external partners, spearhead smart city development and sustainable urbanization, with the goal of improving the lives of the citizens of the States members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations using technology and digital infrastructure as enablers, and facilitate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals;

18. *Also welcomes* the Association of Southeast Asian Nations-led arrangements, in particular the meeting of the Ministers of Defence and experts working group on peacekeeping operations of the Association on various important issues related to peacekeeping operations, including improvement in the meaningful participation of women peacekeepers from States members of the Association at all

[6] Resolution 217 A (III).

[7] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1833, No. 31363.

levels and key positions, and encourages efforts to implement joint peacekeeping and peacebuilding-related activities under the Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Partnership between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations (2016–2020);

19. *Encourages* collaboration between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Regional Mine Action Centre, including the sharing of expertise and best practices, training and capacity-building activities, in addressing the humanitarian aspects of landmines and explosive remnants of war;

20. *Also encourages* closer cooperation on disaster management between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in order to ensure an effective response to and management of natural disasters, through the implementation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations Joint Strategic Plan of Action on Disaster Management 2016–2020, and to enhance the capacity of and technical support to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management;

21. *Takes note with appreciation* of the ongoing work of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management in addressing disaster management, emergency response and humanitarian assistance in the region;

22. *Encourages* closer cooperation on the culture of peace agenda between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, including through the six thrusts of the 2017 Association of Southeast Asian Nations Declaration on Culture of Prevention for a Peaceful, Inclusive, Resilient, Healthy and Harmonious Society;

23. *Also encourages* further cooperation and collaborative efforts between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations on addressing environmental sustainability, climate change and the protection, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial, coastal and marine ecosystems, including the prevention and reduction of marine plastic debris, and welcomes the adoption of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations-United Nations Action Plan on Environment and Climate Change (2017–2020) in September 2017;

24. *Further encourages* the exploration of measures by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations to further the effective and timely implementation of joint activities under the Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Partnership between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the United Nations (2016–2020);

25. *Encourages* the conduct of the Secretariat-to-Secretariat annual review on the implementation of the comprehensive partnership to identify challenges and discuss practical modalities for the two Secretariats to effectively contribute to enhancing Association of Southeast Asian Nations and United Nations cooperation, and takes note with appreciation of the Secretariat-to-Secretariat engagements, which contribute to the implementation of the Plan of Action to Implement the Joint Declaration on Comprehensive Partnership;

26. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its seventy-fifth session, a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

27. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fifth session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations".